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Boston 22d Dec.

To the printers of the Boston news papers.

as messrs Edes & Gill in their paper of monday the 12th instant were pleased to acquaint the public that, "the association sent by Brigad. Ruggles, &c "to the Town of Hardwicke &c together with his "sons certificate thereof & the resolves of the Provin "-cial congress thereon must be reserv'd "till" their "next." I was so credulous as to expect them to have seen their next paper adorn'd with the form of an association, which would have done honor to it & if attended to, & complyd with, by the good people of the Province, might have put it in the power of any one very easily to have distinguish'd such Loyal subjects to the King, as dare to assert their right to freedom, in all respects consistent with the laws of the Land, from such rebellious ones as under the pretext of being friends to liberty are frequently committing the most enormous outrages upon the persons & properties of such of his majestys peaceable subjects who for want of knowing who to call upon, (in these distracted times) for assistance fall into the hands of a banditti whose cruelties surpass those of savages; But finding my mistake, now take the liberty to send copys to your several offices to be publish'd in your next papers, that so the pub-lic may be made more acquainted therewith, than at pre-sent, & be induced to associate for the above purpose, and as many of the people for some time past have been arming themselves it may not be amiss to let them know that their numbers will not appear the field so large as was imagin'd, before it was that independency was the object in contemplation

since which, many have associated in divers parts of
of the Province to preserve their freedom & support
Government. and as it may become necessary in a
very short time to give convincing proof of our attach-
-ment to Government, we shall be much wanting to
ourselves if we longer trample upon that patience
which has already endured to long suffering. & may if
this opportunity be neglected have a tendency to
ripen many who have not yet been guilty of an overt act of treason
for destruction, which would bear
event diametrically opposite to the humane and
benevolent intention of him whose abused patie-
-ence cannot endure forever. & who hath already
by his forebearance Conduct evidenced the most tender
regard for a deluded People,

Tim[o]. Ruggles